

# International Society of Nephrology

## Membership

Any member of a national society of nephrology is eligible for proposal to membership in the International Society of Nephrology and receipt of the Society's official Journal, *Kidney International*. A subscription to *Kidney International* (including all Supplements) for calendar year 2000 is included in the annual year 2000 dues of US \$150.00. Potential members can secure application forms for membership by writing directly to Dr. William E. Mitch, Treasurer, International Society of Nephrology, Emory University, Renal Division, WMB Room 338, 1639 Pierce Drive, Atlanta, GA 30322, USA. (Checks must be made payable to the International Society of Nephrology. Checks from outside the USA must be paid through any United States bank.)

## ISN World Wide Web Page

The ISN Home Page on the World Wide Web (<http://www.isn-online.org>) describes ISN programs, lists officers, councilors and members of the Commission for Developing Countries, and supplies general information regarding ISN membership and subscription to *Kidney International*.

## Guidelines for sponsorship of symposia, postgraduate courses, or workshops by the International Society of Nephrology

The International Society of Nephrology (ISN) encourages the organizers of scientific symposia, postgraduate courses, or workshops to apply to the Society for sponsorship. ISN sponsorship will provide: (1) use of the Society's name as a sponsor or co-sponsor; (2) announcement of the meeting in *Kidney International*, contingent upon the receipt of written information in the Editorial office at least 6 months in advance of the meeting; (3) the possibility of partial financial support. Applications must include the following information: (1) the topic, purpose, location and date(s) of the meeting; (2) the names and titles of the members of the scientific organizing committee; (3) a list of all co-sponsoring institutions, if any, and sources of financial support; (4) the total revenue and expense budget for the proposed meeting, by major category; (5) the names and institutions of origin of all invited speakers, and their topics; (6) a statement as to whether manuscripts will be solicited from invited speakers, or free communications sought from

others; (7) an expression of willingness to include the following acknowledgment on all publications: "... was held under the auspices of the International Society of Nephrology."

These guidelines do not apply to satellite symposia to be held in close proximity to a biennial Congress. Furthermore, the ISN will not sponsor or co-sponsor any regularly scheduled or routine international, national, or regional meeting, nor will it co-sponsor postgraduate courses with other international societies or groups.

Applications for sponsorship must be submitted directly to Thomas E. Andreoli, M.D., Department of Internal Medicine, Slot 640, Little Rock, Arkansas 72205, USA. E-mail: [AndreoliThomasE@exchange.UAMS.edu](mailto:AndreoliThomasE@exchange.UAMS.edu)

## COMGAN Sister Exchange Program

Applications for Model Renal Sister Exchange Programs supported by the International Society of Nephrology (ISN) Commission for Global Advancement of Nephrology (COMGAN) are now being solicited. Ten centers (two in each of the five subcommission regions: Africa, Asia, CIS-Middle East, Eastern and Central Europe, and Latin America) will receive \$5000 US to facilitate the exchange. It is expected that the sister center will organize (regional and supra-regional) postgraduate educational meetings, start programs for the prevention of renal disease, and develop initiatives to make the public aware of renal disease and hypertension. For further information, contact: the ISN Secretariat in Amsterdam to the attention of: Prof. Eberhard Ritz, c/o Ilja Huang, Executive Office, Academic Medical Center, Meibergdreef 9, 1105 AZ Amsterdam, The Netherlands. [Telephone: 31 20 566 4100 (4939); Fax: 31 20 696 0389; E-mail: [I.M.Huang@AMC.UVA.NL](mailto:I.M.Huang@AMC.UVA.NL)]. Complete details are posted on [www.isn-online.org](http://www.isn-online.org)

## ISN Archives

Dr. Leon Fine is maintaining the Archives of the International Society of Nephrology, which consist of photographs, announcements, activities, and names of Council Members and Officers of the Society. Relevant information, documents, or photographs that are pertinent to the development and evolution of the ISN are assembled in the Archives.

Members of the ISN or other readers of *Kidney International* having such material are requested to forward it to Dr. Fine at the following address: Professor Leon

G. Fine, Department of Medicine, Royal Free and University College Medical School, 5 University Street, London WC1E 6JJ, United Kingdom.

### National Societies

The Secretary General of the *International Society of Nephrology* is endeavoring to bring the Society's list of national societies up-to-date. Many such national societies are not affiliated with the ISN or their affiliation has lapsed. To retain their affiliated status and to vote at the General Assembly, a list of individual members is required to be sent annually. Secretaries of national societies therefore are asked to provide the Secretary General with the address to which correspondence should be sent, together with a list of their officers and individual members, and a formal application for affiliation where this has lapsed. Please send these to Rashad Barsoum, M.D., ISN Office, The Cairo Kidney Center, P.O. Box 91 Bab-El-Louk, Cairo 11513, Egypt. E-mail: [isn@rusys.eg.net](mailto:isn@rusys.eg.net)

### MEETINGS

*Seminar on Anderson-Fabry Disease, von Hippel-Lindau Disease, and Tuberous Sclerosis Complex* will be held November 4, 2000, in Milan, Italy. For further information, contact: Professor Dr. Adalberto Sessa, Unità Operativa di Nefrologia e Dialisi, Ospedale di Vimercate 20059 Vimercate, Italy. Telephone: -39-039 6654327-481-544-672; Fax: -39-039 669079; E-mail: [adsess@tin.it](mailto:adsess@tin.it)

*The Jackson Cardiovascular-Renal Meeting 2000* will be held November 8–11, 2000, in Jackson, Mississippi. The Center for Excellence in Cardiovascular-Renal Research of the University of Mississippi Medical Center in Jackson extends this invitation to participate in an international meeting of basic science, clinical, and epidemiology researchers. Meeting topics will include physiological genomics, vascular pathophysiology, hypertension, heart failure, stroke, kidney disease, and cardiovascular disease in African Americans. The meeting will feature state-of-the-art lectures, "Hot Topics," papers, and poster sessions led by international experts in cardiovascular and kidney research. The meeting is endorsed by the National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute, the Council for High Blood Pressure Research, the American Heart Association, the American Society of Hypertension, and the American Physiological Society. The complete program can be found at <http://cecr.umsmed.edu>. For further information, contact: Kathy Brailey, Meeting Secretariat. Fax: 1-601-984-1817; E-mail: [kbrailey@physiology.umsmed.edu](mailto:kbrailey@physiology.umsmed.edu)

*Genetics and Renal Disease* will be held on November 15–18, 2000, under the auspices of the International Society of Nephrology, at the La Nunziata Center, Sestri Levante, Genova. Topics include molecular basis of embryonic kidney development; the biology of renal dysplasia; genetics of vesicoureteral reflux; mutation of HNF1 $\beta$

gene in diverse renal malformation; molecular diagnosis of genetic diseases; new methods in molecular genetics; prenatal diagnosis of renal malformation and disease; potential functional roles of TGF $\beta$ 1 in human renal dysplasia; practical methods in mutation detection; glomerulocystic kidney disease; renal tubular acidosis; molecular and cellular defects in nephrogenic diabetes insipidus; ions transporter mutation in Gitelman and Bartter syndromes; Bardt-Biedl syndrome and its complications; molecular genetics of polycystic kidneys; nephronophthisis and medullary cystic disease; genetic predisposition to diabetes and its relevance to renal disease; clinical expression of autosomal dominant and recessive kidney disease; molecular genetics of autosomal dominant medullary cystic disease; animal models: Who needs them?; the potential role for gene therapy in glomerular diseases; thin basement membrane and hereditary nephritis; disorders of the basement membrane; nail-patella syndromes; glomerulopathy in Frasier and Denys-Drash syndromes; fibronectin glomerulopathy; nephrotic syndrome of Finnish type; genetic determinants of hypertension; developmental expression of sodium pathway in nephrons; progression of renal lesions following nephron reduction is strain-dependent in mice; clinical diagnostic aspect of Alport syndrome; disorders of principal cell function (Liddle's syndrome and PHA); genetic analysis of the renal and adrenal responses to Ang II in man; renal damage progression in genetically modified rats; what adult nephrologists have learned from pediatric nephrologists in genetic diseases; preimplantation genetic diagnosis and the potential for genetic renal diseases; genetic susceptibility to fibrosis; and genetic mechanism to progression of renal damage in transplanted kidney. For further information, contact Scientific Secretariat, Nephrology Department Secretary Office, G. Gaslini Children Hospital, Largo G. Gaslini, 5, 16148 Genoa, Italy. Telephone: 39 010 37 40 231; E-mail: [nefrigg@tin.it](mailto:nefrigg@tin.it); Organizing Secretariat, European Genetics Foundation, Palazzo del Melograno, Piazza Campetto 2/8, 16123 Genoa, Italy. Telephone: 39 010 246 46 46; E-mail: [eurggef@tin.it](mailto:eurggef@tin.it); Web site: <http://utenti.tripod.it/FMRB/home.html>

*The 8th European Meeting on Cardionephrology* will be held November 16–18, 2000, in Assisi, Italy. The program will include sessions on nutrition and heart disease in uremic patients, hyperhomocysteinemia and microalbuminuria, heart death in dialysis, sympathetic hyperactivity and cardiac morbidity in dialysis patients, genetics of cardiorenal diseases, gene therapy in cardiorenal diseases, cytokines in heart disease in hemodialysis patients, therapy for arterial hypertension in 2000, different incidence of cardiovascular disease between men and women, novel immunosuppressive drugs, and cardiovascular complications in transplant patients. For further information and an abstract form, contact: Professor Mario Timio, M.D., Department of Internal Medicine, Nephrology,